Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated May 22, 1989, under the caption, "TN travel agents in manpower racket", regarding two travel agents' racketeering in sending workers to Singapore illegally; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to round up the racketeers detailing the particulars of those apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matters has been brought to the notice of Police Authorities for appropriate action.

Reduction in import duty on PIG iron

1306. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce import duty on pig iron; and

(b) if so, what is the present percentage of import duty after reduction and its effects on the prices of pig iron in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHANLAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present overall import duty on pig iron after reduction is 45 per cent ad-valorem plus Rs. 200/- per tonne. This, along with enhanced indigenous production have stabilised the prices of Pig Iron in the open market.

Visit of high level officials of Delhi Administration to Trans Yamuna Areas

1307. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a visit of high level officials of Delhi Administration and Lt. Governor has been organised to formulate the measures to tackle the various problems like cleaning, sewer-disposal and drinking water in the trans-Yamuna areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the colonies proposed to be developed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some localities including Delhi Development Authority Colony viz. the Shastri Park, have been ignored for providing such facilities; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Absorption of employees rendred jobless due to Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

1308. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is likely to render about 20,000 employees of the District Rural Development Agencies jobless; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to absorb these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.